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A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy was held at 124 Halsey Street Newark, New Jersey, in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Wednesday June 24, 2015. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, Chairperson of the Board called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

CYNTHIA SINICROPI-PHILIBOSIAN	Present
LORI KEITH	Present
DAVID BANK	Present
BRUCE A. SPICER	Present

Also present were: Susan Carboni Deputy Attorney General; Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director; Gerard Tobia Administrative Staff; Michela Ross, Government Rep.

OPENING STATEMENT "Reading of the Sunshine Law" **A QUORUM WAS DECLARED PRESENT:**

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing on September 24, 2014. A schedule of all 2015 Regular Open Meetings of the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy to be held during 2015 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton-Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post, The Press of Atlantic City and The Philadelphia Inquirer. The schedule has also been posted on the website.

I. APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

A. April 22, 2015

Upon a motion made by DavidBank and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board voted to approve the April 22, 2015 Public Session Minutes as presented.
A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. ENDORSEMENT
RE: Boards Review / Other States Regulations

The Board continued the review of other states requirements for licensure to determine if the educational requirements of the state in which the individual is licensed or certified are substantially similar to the educational requirements in this state.

Upon a motion made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to advise that the requirements for licensure as a Massage and Bodywork Therapist of the State of Colorado, Michigan, North Carolina and Virginia, are substantially similar to this State and therefore individuals applying for licensure as a Massage and Bodywork Therapist by endorsement from these States shall be eligible for licensure in the State of New Jersey. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon a motion made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to advise that the requirements for licensure as a Massage and Bodywork Therapist of the State of Maryland are not substantially similar to this State and therefore individuals applying for licensure as a Massage and Bodywork Therapist by endorsement from the State of Maryland shall not be eligible for licensure in this State. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The review for the states of South Carolina and Washington , D.C. were tabled awaiting further clarification.

2. Jorge Miramontes (License No. 18KT00251100)
RE: Additional information received regarding continuing education

Mr. Miramontes asked for an extension on his continuing education requirement due to medical reasons. The Board reviewed information provided and reasons for his extension request. The Board granted the extension requested.

The Board considered this as informational material.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Inquiry from Erin Ferrill
Director of East Coast Sales and Education
RE: Use of Low Levels of Alpha-Hydroxy Acids in Body Treatment Products

Ms. Ferrill wrote the Board to inquire about what types of products may be used by Massage Therapists in the treatment room. Her request was related to the use of low levels of alpha-hydroxy acids in body treatment products.

Upon a motion made by David Bank and seconded by Bruce Spicer, the Board voted to advise Ms. Ferrill in writing that the Board cannot endorse specific commercial products and licensees are to use their own common sense and professional knowledge regarding products when using chemicals. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB)
RE: Update

The Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) is requesting input from member boards and agencies in preparation for the annual meeting.

The Board noted that the Federation should require that candidates for the MBLEx examination submit proof of completion of massage therapy training prior to the schedule of their examination.

The Board reviewed a draft letter prepared by Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director, requesting that the Federation consider waiving the Board's membership fees for the 2015-2016 term.

The Board requests that the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) grant it a waiver for the yearly membership fee; the Board also advised Ms. Anderson to mail the hardship letter presented to the Board.

3. National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB)
RE: All States School Compliance Report: Denials, Suspensions, Revocations

This matter was tabled.

4. Education Review
RE: IGM (Isabell Gatto Method) Therapeutic Acupressure

The Board reviewed a letter from Isabell Gatto, Founder (IGM) Isabell Gatto Method Therapeutic Acupressure on behalf of an applicant (JG) showing a completion of IGM extensive training and graduated as "IGM Therapeutic Acupressure certified practitioner". The applicant JG attended over 83 hours of hands-on and written training at IGM. Ms. Gatto maintain IGM Therapeutic Acupressure is a multi-conceptual combination of five eastern meridian-based point therapy techniques: Acupressure, Shiatsu, AMMA, Reflexology and Jin Shin Jyutsu, along with the components of therapeutic touch, color and music therapy.

A motion was made by Lori Keith seconded by Bruce Spicer , the Board determined that pursuant to N.J.A.C 13:37A-2.1 and N.J.A.C. 13:37A-3.3 the training provide by IGM does not meet the requirements for licensure as massage therapist in this State.

A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Education Review
RE: The Kinley Institute (Karen Chrystal)

The Board reviewed an official transcript from the Kinley Institute for Massage and Related Studies located in Clark, New Jersey regarding applicant Karen Chrystal. The school was approved by the Board of Education in the State of New Jersey, but now closed. Ms. Chrystal completed a program in the Theory & Practice of Massage and Related subjects on October 3, 1996. The program was conducted over a five month period , equivalent to 200 hours , 150 course hours were devoted to Theory and Practice.

A motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board, voted to grant licensure to Ms. Chrystal, provided all licensure requirements have been met.

A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. TRANSCRIPTS REVIEW

This matter was tabled. The Board requested the transcripts be submitted with the agenda for their review prior to the meeting.

V. REINSTATEMENTS

1. Kathleen Kendis, License No. 18KT00190500
RE: Hardship Letter

Ms. Kendis wrote the Board to ask for a waiver for the reinstatement fees due to financial hardship.

A motion was made by Lori Keith and seconded by Bruce Spicer, the Board determined that a letter be sent to Ms. Kendis to advise her that the Board will not grant a waiver.

Fees are part of regulations.

A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Lori Pletenik, License No. 18KT00288600
RE: Active Status Request for July/August 2015.

Ms. Pletenik wrote the Board to ask permission to have active status for the summer of 2015 (July/August 2015). She wrote a letter explaining her situation.

A motion was made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board determined that a letter be sent to Ms. Pletenik to advise her that if she is practicing massage and bodywork therapy she must hold an active license from the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy, also Ms. Pletenik has the option to go on Inactive Status.

A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VI. FINALIZATION OF ORDERS

1. Shanzi Jiang; Applicant ID# 1824040
Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed March 16, 2015
2. Hong Zi Quan; Applicant ID# 1741144
Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed March 16, 2015
3. Ronald P. Germano; Applicant ID# 1699355
Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed March 30, 2015
4. An Shanji; Applicant ID# 1809181
Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed March 30, 2015

Deputy Attorney General Susan Carboni informed the Board that service was made on all above Provisional Orders of Denial of Licensure.

A motion was made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to affirm and finalize the above four Provisional Orders of Denial of Licensure by default with no modifications. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Lianji Jin; Applicant ID# 1792605
Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed April 23, 2015

This matter was tabled.

VII. PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DENIAL OF LICENSURE (With Response)

1. Jessica Spell; Applicant ID# 1839684
Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed March 16, 2015

Deputy Attorney General Joseph Donofrio counseled the Board on this matter.

Upon a motion made by Bruce Spicer and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board voted to affirm and finalize the Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure as written with no modifications. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

1. Japeth S. Morelli; Applicant ID# 1780852
Consent Order Granting Licensure filed April 23, 2015
2. Gina M. Ordino; Applicant ID# 1877394
Consent Order Granting Licensure filed April 23, 2015

The Board considers the above (2) two orders as informational material.

At 10:00 A.M., the Board , upon a motion made by David Bank and seconded by Bruce Spicer, the Board voted to move into Executive Session to consider and review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Boards' regulations. The result of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Board determines to issue any sanction, action will be taken in public session immediately after the Executive Session. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Bruce Spicer, to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 P.M. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson,
Executive Director